

Lester Guard Station, Fire Warehouse  
(Warehouse, Bldg., No. 2232)  
Forest Service Road No. 45  
Lester  
King County  
Washington

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STATE Washington	COUNTY King County	TOWN OR VICINITY Lester
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Fire Warehouse (Source: C.J. Conover Report, July 30, 1942).		HABS NO. WA-172C
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Warehouse (Bldg. #2232)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Lot 15, Block D, near Forest Service Road #45, Section 23, Township 20N, Range 10E.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c.1934 (Source: C.J. Conover Report, July 30, 1942).	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Fire Warehouse is part of the Lester Guard Station which is an intact example of a transitional USDA Forest Service facility that possesses strong historical associations with early Forest Service administration and also reflects the depression-era (cont)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Vernacular		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame (2x6) with poured concrete perimeter foundation. Dropped wooden siding with corner boards. Cedar shingle roofing.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two story, rectangular (28' x 86') divided into seven bays per sketch plan.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The exterior is distinguished by a steeply pitched gable roof with exposed rafter ends and kneebraces and seven track-mounted sliding doors (approx 10' x 10') constructed with beaded board (3/4" x 3-1/2" T&G) and X-bracing, rails and stiles. Windows are typical wooden, six-light, vertical hopper type with plain surrounds throughout.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Four grade-level work bays with soil floors, one raised (+2'-6") work bay, two work bays at concrete slab floor; first floor, open and unpartitioned storage/sleeping area; second floor. All interior space is unfinished and wood frame structure is exposed throughout. Simply constructed (cont)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES No major alterations or additions appear to have been made. Elaborate weather station apparatus is located on the north end of the roof ridge.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair to poor; exterior paint, roofing, sliding doors and windows, exterior stairs and siding show deterioration. The future use of this building is uncertain. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may use it (cont)		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Construction of kneebraces at gable ends is very similar to those on Gas and Oil House and Bunkhouse. Beaded board used to construct sliding doors is also located on interiors of Guard Station Residence and Bunkhouse. Windows match those in place on the Gas and Oil House and Bunkhouse.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) See continuation sheet.		
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HISTORIC NAME: Fire Warehouse

COMMON NAME: Warehouse (Bldg. #2232)

SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

development of Forest Service policy and the accomplishments of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued)

closets, storage bins and work benches are located on both floor levels. Flooring at raised bay and second floor is 2x6 (T&G) decking. The second floor area is distinguished by an extensive system of exposed wooden trusses.

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE (continued)

periodically for fire protection purposes in the future. This building is currently vacant and not in use.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (continued)

Conover, C.J., "Lester CCC Camp, F-23", July 30, 1942. Unpublished manuscript on file at USDA Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Seattle, WA.

Property records, Lease Agreements, general USFS correspondence. Unpublished documents in files of USDA Forest Service, Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Seattle, WA.

Hand-drawn floor plan of a building interior. The plan shows a rectangular room with a dashed line indicating a partition or wall. Key features and labels include:

- STORAGE BING**: Labeled on the left side of the plan.
- STORAGE AREA**: Labeled in the center of the plan.
- STORAGE BING**: Labeled on the right side of the plan.
- OPEN STORAGE AREA**: Labeled in the bottom left corner.
- WHEEL BENCH**: Labeled in the bottom center.
- AREA SEMI-FINISHED**: Labeled in the top right corner.
- OPEN RAIL**: Labeled near the top right corner.
- TRUSS MEMBERS**: Labeled in the center, pointing to a dashed line.
- NOTE: ON OCCASION THIS SPACE USED AS SLEEPING AREA.**: A note written in the center of the plan.

STORAGE AREA

NOTE: ON OCCASION THIS SPACE  
USED AS SLEEPING AREA.

UPPER FLR  
86'-0"±

[illegible]

2 TYP 10x10  
SLIDING DOOR

LOWER FLR

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